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## Stewards Ruling 03B-2023

Ruling Date: 4/25/23

Licensee: Christian J. Lopez

DOB: 08/21/1998

Violation Date: 4/24/23

License Type: Exercise Rider

RCI ID: 2227417

Ruling Type/Description: Denial of License

DTRC Rules Cited: 2.5.1.7, 2.5.1.4, (3.3 All and 3.4 All-Stewards Duties)

Fine: No

Suspension: No

### Narrative:

Christian J. Lopez, DOB: 08/21/1998, RCI: 2227417, on April 24, 2023, Mr. Lopez submitted an application for a license with the DTRC as an Exercise Rider. On August 1, 2022, a hearing was conducted before the Board of Stewards at Delaware Park in the matter of Exercise Rider Christian J. Lopez. After considering testimony by Mr. Lopez and the Lead Outrider at Delaware Park, the Exercise Rider license granted to Mr. Lopez was "Revoked". Pursuant to DTRC Rule 2.5.1.7, Christian J. Lopez was unqualified by experience or competence to perform the activity in which the license grants. The Stewards recommendation to Mr. Lopez was to seek the opportunity to exercise on a farm for one year and provide three letters of recommendation from active Trainers. Mr. Lopez did not follow the Stewards recommendation in this matter, a violation of DTRC Rules 2.5.1.4. On November 20, 2022, the Kentucky Racing Commission "Rescinded" the Exercise Person license for Christian J. Lopez, person is unqualified to perform the duties for which the license is issued. Therefor, the License Application for Christian J. Lopez is "DENIED" until such time he submits the required three letters of recommendation by the Outrider and gains experience as an Exercise Rider. Mr. Lopez is "Eligible" to apply for an Application of License in another capacity with the DTRC.

### Amendment A: June 22, 2023

After appearing before the Board of Stewards and conferring with the Outrider and Safety Steward, Christian J. Lopez has been granted a "Conditional License" to exercise horses, at such time when the Outrider and Safety Steward provide the Stewards with a report that Mr. Lopez is competent to perform the activity for which registration is sought. The Stewards will grant permission for Mr. Lopez to submit a license application for an Exercise Rider.

### Amendment B: July 7, 2023

The Conditional License for Christian J Lopez is "rescinded" he no longer exercises horse and has not filled the requirement of the Outrider and Safety Steward to be eligible to apply for an Exercise Person license.

  
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